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Application No. 09/865,734)
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For: PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM,)
EXPOSURE APPARATUS)
INCORPORATING THIS)
PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM,)
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD)
FOR MICRO DEVICES USING)
THE EXPOSURE APPARATUS)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced continuation application.

The listed documents were previously submitted or cited by the Examiner in a prior application, application no. 09/865,734, filing date May 29, 2001, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant respectfully

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